

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 6 PM, June 26, 2012

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

Central Falls High School – Library

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Anna Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Roll call: present, Anna Cano Morales, Sonia Rodrigues, BK Nordan, and Cheryl Brehio-Lafond; tardy @ 6:12 PM Ana Cecilia Rosado and @ 6:15 PM, Stephanie Gonzalez

II. Pledge

III. Recognition: Cid Lacerda from Veterans Elementary School, first recipient of the Nancy Carnevale Urban Teacher Award for Excellence in ELL Teaching (Prek-12)

IV. Approval of personnel actions – additional recalls- BK Nordan moved to approve personnel actions, seconded by Cheryl Brehio-Lafond. The following list of names and actions was read by Anna Cano Morales:

V. Christina Farley was recalled.

Appointments: Director of Finance; Assistant Superintendent for Academic Data and Technology; David Alba – Principal, Calcutt Middle School; Heather Dos Santos- Special Assistant At Calcutt; Jodi Timpani Assistant Principal, CF High School;

Retirees: Debra Gilcrest, Margaret Schembre, and Patricia Bellini;

Resignations: Eva Silva. The motion carried: (4, 0)

VI. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 12, 2012- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ana Cecilia Rosado, seconded by

Sonia Rodrigues. Ms. Rosado corrected a spelling error and Ms. Brehio-Lafond corrected the minutes to reflect that she seconded motion to approve the personnel actions of June 12, 2012; but the list of names was read by Anna Cano Morales. Corrections were accepted. Motion carried. (6,0)

VII. Presentation –High School ACTS Academy – Ms. Deanna Camputaro presented an outline of the ACTS Academy partnerships, the unsung heroes of the ongoing work of the academy. The partnerships are with: Home Depot and Steel Yard, Mixed Magic Theater, Trinity Rep, First works, URI Providence, Roger Williams University, ADLI Dance and Monica Shinn, and Moussa Traore. Ms Camputaro’s presentation was accompanied by pictures of our students working alongside artists and college students in dance, theater, steel work and drumming. Several student portfolios were shared among the Trustees as examples of the caliber of work expectations required for successful proficiencies in the ACTS Academy. It was a very proud moment.

VIII. Retention Policy - Second Reading Sonia Rodrigues moved to approve the Retention Policy; this was seconded by Cheryl Brehio-Lafond. The ensuing discussion brought up questions as to the sequence of events involved in retention decisions and what the protocols might look like regarding the implementation of the policy. The consensus of the group was to table the approval until both the policy and the implementation protocols could be reviewed together in a clear sequence with a strong timeline. The Retention Policy will be brought back to the table on September 4th.

IX. Presentation and approval of the FY 2013 Budget – A motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2013 was made by Ms. Rodrigues, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Dr. Gallo presented a full explanation of the FY 2013 budget which, while balanced is still based on numerous assumptions because of the ongoing negotiations between the union and the RI Department of Education. During the presentation there was ongoing questioning and comments by the Trustees. Carolyn Dias who had been asked to join the table earlier participated in the discussion. Together, Ms. Dias and Dr. Gallo tried to allay the fears of voting on a budget based on assumptions. Dr. Gallo urged the Trustees to vote approval of the budget of \$40.6M. Mr. Nordan stated that the Trustees had been waiting and waiting listening intently during the last several meetings as the budget was being built and checked before full presentation and he had not heard once that it would be built on assumptions. Mr. Nordan further stated that he could not remember voting on a budget in this manner during his years on the Board. Anna Cano Morales explained that the new policies just recently passed were being followed. These policies were written at the directive from RIDE. Ms. Dias reiterated that the vote was required by statute and added that if the Trustees didn't approve it, the Commissioner would. Mr. Nordan commented that under the Order, given that the administration of Central Falls was not at the negotiating table, and the fact that he received the budget so late, he was not comfortable with an assumptions based budget. The vote was called. Roll Call vote: Ms. Gonzalez – No, Ms. Rosado – No, Ms. Brehio-Lafond – No, Mr. Nordan – No, Ms.

Rodrigues –No, Ms Cano Morales – Yes. The motion to approve the budget FY 2-13 failed.

X. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget- Ms. Rosado moved the approval of the payment of bills, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues. Motion carried. (6,0)

XI. Superintendent's Report

a) Building Committee Report – There were no new development with the facilities to report

b) School Board Calendar 2012-2013 – The 2012-2013 Calendar was reviewed. The Trustees, by consensus, decided to begin the school year with a meeting on September 4th.

c) Pursuit of School Board Retreat Date – It was agreed by consensus of the Trustees that over the course of the next few weeks, a date for a half day retreat would be secured.

XII. Board Comments

XIII. Public Comments – Jane Sessums spoke and challenged the Trustees and administration to follow their own policy regarding Hiring and Promotions.

XIV. Next Meeting: September 4, 2012

XV. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-Ms. Rodrigues moved to recess to Executive Session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(2), that this public body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation.(to discuss possible recommendations). Ms. Rosado seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All concurred. (6,0)

XVI. Adjournment: At 8:45 PM the Trustees returned from Executive Session. A motion to seal the minutes and adjourn was made by Mr. Nordan, seconded by Ms. Rosado.. Motion carried. (6, 0)